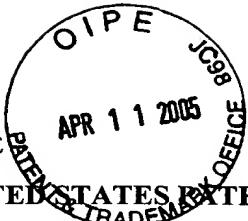


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References AA-AF on Form PTO-1449:

During licensing negotiations, the Applicant became aware on January 21, 2005, of the listed U.S. patents. Consideration of these patents under 35 U.S.C. § 102, 103, and 135 is requested, especially with regard to U.S. Patent No. 5,735,281 and its claims.